Compensation and until an unencumbered property becomes available the money will be in the Anchal Savings Bank. The Government sanctioned the proposal. This money will be disbursed to the dependants periodically in instalments according to their needs.

MR. P. K. KUNJU: May I know when this arrangement was made?

MR. E. I. CHACKO: That was some six months ago.

MR. P. K. KUNJU: May I know from the honourable member the result of the arrangement?

MR. E. I. CHACKO: The system is working satisfactorily and I have been able to disburse some money.

Export of eggs.

234 *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number and names of the licensees who are at present permitted to export eggs from Travancore to Ceylon, and the purpose for which such export is allowed;

(*b*) the quantity of eggs permitted to be so exported to Ceylon daily;

(*c*) the name of the contractor or authority in Ceylon to whom the exported eggs are entrusted by the licensee in Travancore;

(*d*) the percentage of the allowance, if any, sanctioned for damaged or decayed eggs;

(*e*) the number and names of licensees who were permitted to export eggs to Ceylon from Travancore immediately before the present arrangement came into existence;

(*f*) whether the Government are aware that a good portion of the eggs out of the allowance for decay and damage, is actually sold in black market in Ceylon to the civilians; and

(*g*) the number and names of applicants for license for exporting eggs to Ceylon from Travancore, whose applications have not been granted and the reasons for the same?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 2. Messrs H. M. Abdul Majeed Sahib, Quilon, and M. Venugopal Chetty & Co. Kayamkulam. For supply to the Royal Navy, Ceylon.

(*b*) 50,000.

(*c*) Mr. H. M. A. Majeed is sending the supplies to the Superintending V. S. O. Royal Naval Yard, C/o., the Anglo-Ceylon Marine Supplies Co., run by one Mr. M. A. Razak, Victuallers, 29, 1/10 Gaffoor Building Colombo. The other exporter Messrs. M. Venugopal Chetty & Co., is sending the eggs to S. V. S. O. Royal Navy, Colombo, direct.

(*d*) & (*f*) Government are not aware.

(*e*) 19 persons were permitted to export eggs to Ceylon before the introduction of the present arrangement for supply to the Royal Navy.

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[Mr. C. Kumara Das.]

They were:—

	Messrs.		*License No.*
1.	H. M. A. Majeed	...	1
2.	K. Abraham	...	5
3.	K. G. E. & Co.	...	6
4.	M. M. Ebrahim Bros., & Co.	...	8
5.	P. Kader Meera Rowther	...	9
6.	M. Abdul Kader Rowther	...	10
7.	C. Kunju Koshy & Bros.	...	16
8.	K. E. Pakeer Mohideen & Co.,	...	21
9.	T. Kochumman	...	26
10.	T. K. Varghese & Bros.,	...	27
11.	Geeverghese Kurien	...	30
12.	M. Kader Sahib	...	60
13.	S. Shahul Hameed	...	61
14.	M. Syed Kannu	...	75
15.	K. A. M. P. Meera Sahib	...	81
16.	S. K. Shaik Dawood	...	84
17.	G. Chacko	...	89
18.	S. M. Mustaff Rowther	...	91
19.	Appoo & Co.,	...	97

(*g*) Several applications have not been granted. The position of Government in this respect has been explained in their Press note dated the 25th August 1944.

Permits have been granted only to dealers approved by the Royal Navy for whose purpose the eggs are allowed to be exported. Only one other exporter has been given a permit to export a small number, this being the deficit which the dealer recognised by the Navy failed to export

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: With reference to part (*e*) of the answer, may I know from the honourable member why out of the 19 people who were permitted to export eggs to Ceylon, only Messrs. H. M. Abdul Majeed Sahib, Quilon, is now permitted to supply 50,000 eggs to Ceylon?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS; Sir, the supply of eggs to the Royal Navy at Ceylon is not left to the discretion of this Government. The Royal Navy insisted that the eggs should be supplied by their own contractor and this Government had to agree to the arrangement.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from the Government whether allowance is given for 10,000 eggs out of the whole supply of 50,000 eggs for damage and decay?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: No, Sir.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether the Government have taken any steps to prevent this system of allowing one licensee alone to export the whole quantity of eggs?

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MR. C. KUMARA DAS : Government have represented these difficulties to the Navy and have asked the Navy to obtain eggs as far as possible from a large number of licensees, but they have not yet acceded to the request of Government.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know whether the Government are aware that about 10,000 eggs are daily sold in black market in Ceylon?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS : Government are not aware.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know whether the present licensee, Mr. H. M. Abdul Majeed, Quilon, who is now permitted to export the whole quantity, has made default on any occasion?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS : Default was brought to the notice of Government on one occasion, that is in the month of June and a quantity of 10,000 eggs has been taken away from him and given to another contractor.

PRESIDENT : Order, order. Earlier in the course of the proceedings of this House, I pointed out the position in regard to eggs. This Government have come to the conclusion that a certain proportion of eggs produced in the State should be retained for use in the State especially at present when other food supplies are running short. It has also been possible for Government to spare for the use of the Army and the Navy a certain minimum number of eggs. Normally, the arrangement that should have been made, and will, I trust, be made by His Majesty's Army and Navy would be to have their representatives here who will get into contact with wholesale merchants in Travancore and get supplies from them, and to arrange for facilities by way of railway and steamer transport to Ceylon or Bangalore; as the case may be. The two centres of consumption are Bangalore in the case of the Army, and Kandy, (Ceylon generally,) in the case of the Navy. It has been brought to the notice of the Army and Navy that it will not be conducive either to efficiency or to their own requirements if any monopoly were created. For reasons which I cannot detail at length, although the representative of the Navy has seen the head of the Administration three or four times, they have not yet found it possible to give the contract to any excepting to their own agents at Colombo whose sub-agent happens to be the gentleman at Quilon. In order that the Government's attitude may be made perfectly clear the Government stated that they would arrange all egg merchants who had helped to build up the egg trade in Travancore and who had been conducting that trade for a certain number of years, to be on an approved list and give them a quota. Government were willing, and indeed anxious, that the Army and the Navy should place orders on all of them more or less impartially. In that way all the difficulties might be removed. I am making this statement in order that not only this House but those in charge of the arrangements in regard to the Army and the Navy might also realise the position. If there is a monopoly created, it is to the advantage of the monopolists not to take deliveries as soon as the eggs are ready. The eggs cannot be preserved for a very long time. If there is delay of a

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week or 10 days, the seller has to throw the eggs into the sea or give them to the monopolists. Therefore the more thoroughly the monopolists break the contract with the Army and the Navy the better it is in their interests. The later he takes eggs, the lesser price he pays. He supplies the eggs to the Navy in Kandy who are desperately in need of this commodity and who are prepared to pay the price he demands. The whole trade is therefore conducted in Travancore on lines which are deleterious to Travancore and the Navy, and benefits nobody excepting one or two persons.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I request you, Sir, to place this aspect of the question, and especially what has transpired on the floor of the House, before the proper authorities?

PRESIDENT: The whole proceedings will go to the authorities.

MR. J. E. A. PEREIRA (*Commerce and Industry-South*): May I know whether a sort of priority will be taken into consideration in the case of those merchants who have been in the trade for long?

PRESIDENT: That is what we wanted to do. In the case of chillies, onions and tamarind, members of the bar and the medical profession have gone into that trade just now. It was not our idea that the non-traders should enter into the egg trade immediately. What we wanted to do was that a certain number of persons who have been conducting this trade for four or five years should be in the list. In such a case, because of competition they would themselves get good eggs. At present no one can insist on quality. At present His Majesty's Army and Navy are taking rotten eggs at high prices. But that is a matter for them to deal with.

MR. CHAZHIKKATU JOSEPH: സർ, ആകെ നാല്പതു ഡിമാൻറുകളെ പ്പറ്റി വാദപ്രതിവാദം നടത്തേണ്ടതായിരിക്കെ ഇരുപതു ഡിമാൻറുക ളെപ്പറ്റി മാത്രമെ ഇവിടെ വാദപ്രതിവാദം നടത്തിയിട്ടുള്ളൂ.

PRESIDENT: We are now dealing with the question of eggs. The Honourable member is out of order.

MR. C. K. SANKARA PILLAI: Are the Government aware that some of the 19 people given in the list were not dealing with eggs previously?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: They were dealing with eggs before the Control Order came into force.

MR. C. K. SANKARA PILLAI: Are the Government aware that just as rubber and tea quotas are sold, egg licenses are being sold?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Government are not aware.

PRESIDENT: The question would not arise as to what the licensees are doing among themselves. Unless Mr. Majeed is satisfied the question will not arise. Shares are being sold like that. Similarly licenses might be sold. But Government are not concerned with that.

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MR. CHAZHIKKATTU JOSEPH: മുട്ടയെപ്പറ്റിയുള്ള വാദപ്രതിവാദം തീർന്ന എന്ന വിചാരിച്ചാണ് ഞാൻ പറയുവാൻ തുടങ്ങിയതു. നാല്പതു ഡിമാൻറുകളും ഉള്ള നിലയ്ക്ക് ഇനിയും ഇരുപതിൽപ്പരം ഡിമാൻറുകളെപ്പറ്റി വാദപ്രതിവാദം നടത്താനുണ്ടല്ലൊ. അതിലേയ്ക്ക് ഏതാനും മണിക്കൂർ മാത്രമെയുള്ളു. അതിനാൽ ഇരുപതൊ ഇരുപത്തഞ്ചൊ മിനിറ്റുകളും വീതം ഓരോ ഡിമാൻറിനും സമയം നിശ്ചയിച്ചു എല്ലാ ഡിമാൻറുകളുടെയും വാദപ്രതിവാദം ഇന്നതന്നെ അവസാനിപ്പിച്ചാൽകൊള്ളാമെന്നാണ് എൻറെ അഭിപ്രായം.

MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Legal Remembrancer to Government*): Sir, this is an adjustment for the House to decide. The rule is contained in paragraphs Nos. 168 and 169 of the Manual.

PRESIDENT: At page 49 of the Assembly Manual, it will be found that not more than 7 days will be allotted by the Dewan for the discussion of cut motions. It is entirely a matter for internal regulation among the honourable members of the House as to the concentration they propose to effect in respect of various demands. Elsewhere what happens is that, supposing there are 40 or 50 demands, about 25 of them are not dealt with at all. By arrangement among the various parties or organised groups, one or two motions in each Demand are taken up and fully discussed. That is a very convenient procedure. In other words if honourable members will have a kind of self-denying ordinance by mutual consent—I cannot rule it otherwise than by mutual consent—that they deal with one or two topics in respect of each demand then we can finish each demand in about an hour or less. That is a matter for honourable members to deal with. I shall always be willing to assist the House in going through as many demands as possible Mr. Joseph.

MR. CHAZHIKKATTU JOSEPH: ഓരോ ഡിമാൻറിനും അരമണിക്കൂർ വീതം എടുത്തുകൊണ്ട് എല്ലാ ഡിമാൻറുകളും വാദപ്രതിവാദത്തിന് എടുക്കണമെന്നാണ് എൻറെ അഭിപ്രായം. ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട മെംബറന്മാർ എൻറെ ഈ അഭിപ്രായത്തോടു യോജിക്കണമെന്നും എനിക്ക് അപേക്ഷയുണ്ട്.

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): ഞാൻ ഈ അഭിപ്രായത്തെ എതിർക്കുന്നു. ബാക്കിയുള്ള എല്ലാ ഡിമാൻറുകളിലും ഉണ്ടായ വാദപ്രതിവാദങ്ങൾപോലെതന്നെ ഇനിവരുന്ന ഡിമാൻറുകൾക്കും വേണ്ടതാണെന്നാണ് എൻറെ അഭിപ്രായം. ഏതെങ്കിലും ഒരു ഡിമാൻറിനെപ്പറ്റി ഒന്നും പറയാനൊക്കാതെ ഏതാനും മിന്നിട്ടുകൾമാത്രം വാദപ്രതിവാദം നടത്തുന്നതിനെക്കാൾ വാദപ്രതിവാദമെ ഉണ്ടാകാതെ ഡിമാൻറുകൾ പാസാക്കുന്നതാണ് നല്ലതെന്ന് എനിക്ക് തോന്നുന്നു.

PRESIDENT: Unless there is practical unanimity, I cannot do anything in the matter.

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